(b) For ensuring early prosecution of cases under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, 137 Exclusive Special Courts, have been set up in the States of Andhra Pradesh (12) Bihar (11), Chhatisgarh (07), Gujarat (10), Karnataka (06), Madhya Pradesh (29), Rajasthan (17), Tamil Nadu (04) and Uttar Pradesh (40) and Uttaranchal (01), Further all State Governments except Aurnachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Nagaland, which are predominantly tribal area States, have notified the existing Courts of Sessions as Special Courts for the trial of offences under the Act. Nevertheless, such States, which have significant number of pendency of cases in the courts and have not as yet set up exclusive special courts are being persuaded to set up exclusive special courts for speedy trial of cases under the Act.

(c) Some States like Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh have identified atrocity prone/sensitive areas in the respective States and formulated action plans to curb atrocities against SCs/STs.

Death of a person under Madipur Police Station

841. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sushil Kumar Singh resident of Madipur area was done to death by a team of policemen at the Punjabi Bagh Police Station in October 2003, which led to a street battle between the residents of that area and policemen;

(b) if so, the details of the case and what action has so far been taken against the policemen found responsible in this case; and

(c) whether any compensation was given to the next of the kin of the deceased and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) Delhi Police on the basis of the complaint lodged by the brother of the deceased have registered a criminal case under the relevant provisions of law and taken up the investigation. In the meantime, five police personnel allegedly involved in the case have been placed under suspension pending the outcome of magisterial inquiry.

(c) No, Sir. No compensation has been paid by the Government.